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TEACHERS HERE FOR INSTITUTE

Two Days Session Brought Out Large Attendance of Pedagogues.

PLEASED WITH ARRANGEMENTS

Everything Conspired to Make This Teachers' Meeting One of Best Ever Held in the County.

the Van Buren County Teachers' Asso- efforts are a matter of history. The prociation and Institute was held at the gram was simply an old fashioned firehigh school building Friday and Satur- side visit with congregational singing day of last week.

commenced to arrive on the early train No. 25, F. & A. M., but one of its oldest and by Friday noor over 200 had members. He has been closely in touch registered. Pres. A. D. Prentice of South with all the work in both the blue lodge Haven was on hand fully prepared for and the chapter, and the weather has work and things were soon progressing never been too bad for him to attend a in a satisfactory manner. The institute meeting, nor has he been so busy that was the largest in the county for years, he couldn't spare the time to coach and it was a great satisfaction to the a new brother. May be be spared for ones having it in charge, that the pro- many years to participate in the mysgram was carried out almost without a teries of this ancient order. hitch the speakers responding faithfully.

Each session was opened with musica half hour of singing from The Knapsack, the book universally used in school, The benefit derived from this exercise is invaluable to the spirit of institute work-as everyone needs to be keyed up to the pitch of harmony, and to have music in their souls to do their best in this particular line of work. These family gatherings promote personal friendship and acquaintance and each teacher is a cog in the wheels of the big county educational machine that works together for good.

Ex-Supt. of Public Instruction, H. R. Pattengill, is the dynamo that creates the spark of enthusiasm and sends the machine down the road to accomplishment with its book, book, and leaves the influence of his earnest ness and energy that can only be measured as time goes on by the results obtained. Mr. Pattengill's addresses were listened to with great interest. His thirty or more years in school work entitles him to the credit of knowing whereof he speaks. It is his life work and he is giving of his rich lore gathered by his long experience.

A number of exhibits from different schools were shown; Ralph Windoes of South Haven having a splendid manual

training display. The sectional meetings were of un-

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usual interest as were also the practical

COMPANY SHOWS

Edson Woodman of Cass that one side had slain in cold blood 913 Ins. Co. Gives Firemen Ten Dollar Bill.

The Paw Paw Firemen were happily surprised last Saturday to receive a tes dollar bill from Edson Woodman.

Mr. Woodman is one of the directors of the Cass County Mutual Fire Insurance company, a position he has held for many years. This gift to the Fire Department is in appreciation of the Department responded in saving the PLANS TO HONOR Huff residence, which was insured in Mr. Woodman's company. This residence is outside the corporation, but this fact made no difference to the firemen. It was within reach of a hydrant and the property was saved. The loss was adjusted at \$35.

thanks to Mr. Woodman and to the in the town hall, Decatur. Insurance company for their substantial donation. It is such acts as this that shows the boys their efforts are ap memorable one. The menu card pro- of the growers desired to pack a strictly under serious consideration and arrangepreciated, and is an incentive for better vides for the most fastidious taste. The select grade of 8 pound goods which ments will be made on baskets and and more efficient service. Paw Paw music and literary program includes should contain only selected clusters of picking trays also the matter of a believes that it has one of the best among others the names of Miss Russ good sized, well grown fruit and place lithograph of the company trade mark volunteer fire companies in the state.

FINEST BOY IN LAND.

of last week. George says it is the Tickets can be obtained of Father berries not over ten per cent under the or under the best methods procurable pound boy born to them on Thursday chestra will furnish music. and he is as jubilant as a boy with a quet. brand new pair of red top boots.

GLAD TO SEE HIM OUT.

were glad to see him out once more.

UNCLE WILL THAYER HAPPILY SURPRISED

Lodge Brothers Swooped Down Upon Him at His Home Last Thursday Evening.

Fraternalism was demonstrated Thursday night in a manner that appeals to the lodge man. No brass band, no grandstand play, just a quiet crowd of the best citizens marching down the middle of the road to the residence of "Uncle Bill" Theyer and swarming around him at his fireside with a hearty handshake, showing their appreciation of a noble work well done. The men were Masons, their visit in the nature of a surprise. A large quantity of oysters and other edibles were consumed, taxing the capacity A most successful two days' session of of the epicures, many whose gastronomic thrown in.

Teachers from all over the county "Uncle Bill" is not only the mascot of

SPARROWS PAY LIFE PENALTY

Fifteen Thousand Killed During Three Months of Bounty.

In a former issue of this paper, we gave some statistics as to the number of sparrows killed by the law during the winter months. The bounty of two cents per head is paid by the county as the vouchers are sent in.

Information regarding the number of sparrows brought into the clerks' offices of the several townships of the county was given out by County Treasurer Stoughton to The True Northerner the first of the week: During the month of February, or from February 1 until March 4, Van Buren county paid \$175.38 bounty-8,769 sparrows' heads. In Janpary 4,449 birds were destroyed, making in two months 13,218 destroyed. The preceding month of December was not as heavy, but it can safely be estimated allotted for their extermination.

A rather novel scheme was employed by the Modern Woodman lodge of Glen dale, whereby the members chose sides for a sparrow contest, the winning side to be the guests of the cheerful losers at an oyster supper served in approved style. Two weeks was decided upon as the length of time to demolish the crop of sparrows and they did a good stunt. Upon revieuing the carnage it was found of the insurgents, while the opposing side had to their credit 1,047. This is a sort of summary of the affair:

The splendid spread was forthcoming, a most enjoyable social time resulted, there will be nearly 2,000 less industrious little pickpockets doing the farmers Glendale who do things that count with their little batchets. How is this for a fortnight's work?

The ladies of the parish are leaving surely succeed, O'Neil of Notre Dame University and handle their product. Mr. and Mrs. George Hopkins are several other speakers and singers of It was decided to pack all sound, ripe

BIG LOAD OF WOOD.

Elton Ampey holds the record for the Wm. Long was on the street the first largest load of wood drawn to Paw Paw of the week. He suffered a stroke of this winter as far as The True Northerbeat it, let us hear from them. Gardner.



HENRY LANE WILSON, AMERICAN AMBASSADOR TO MEXICO

F newspaper men are not born diplomats a good many of them achieve diplomatic posts and acquit themselves creditably. The American ambassador to Mexico has been walking no primrose path during the late unpleasantness in the neighboring republic. and there may have been times when the Hon. Henry Lane Wilson looked with regret upon the time when he edited the Lafayette (Ind.) Journal and had no weightier worries than pacifying trate citizens who had been mentioned or hadn't in local "stories." But his genial manners brought him and the United States safely through the perplexities of the anti-Diaz rising, and the correctness of als attitude was admitted by both parties in the revolution. Mr. Wilson left indiana in the eightles and became a banker in Spokane, Wash. He has been minister to Chile and Belgium and has served the country in various important international conferences.

that 15,000 of these little pests have been destroyed within the three months TO HANDLE GRAPES THIS SEASON

Question Discussed in Meeting Last Saturday. Sentiment Favored Such Action. Would Make Good Fruit and Good Pack Imperative.

Co Operative Nursery Co. Ltd. having estimate of the percentage of the crop petitioned their directors to bandle to go in each grade and the grower to be grapes and other fruits in car lots from informed as to the amount of each for village officers in Hartford this year. Paw Paw the coming season, a meeting package to be procured. Also instruc- A large vote was poled however on acwas held at the council rooms Saturday, tions as to picking and packing to be count of the Electric Light Franchise March 9th, for the purpose of ascertain- given. The matter of field packing was and the Water Bonding proposition. entered upon his duties as postmaster

He stated that he did not deem it twisting or pressure in packing. selves and not thereby be in competi way was to pick only the best fruit while tion arises, whether or not the statute tion with the general run of fruit, but working on the 8 pound grade and leave contemplates a three-fifths vote of the A St. Patrick's day bacquet under that any organization of individuals who the bulk to be cleaned up at such a time actual votes counted or three fifths of all the auspices of the Catholic church will adopted a grading system whereby its as the best market conditions on this the votes cast, whether counted or not. The firemen desire to express their be given on Thursday evening, the 21st, members were assured of the entire grade would indicate. pack being of high standard, would About twenty of the growers present Attorney General for a ruling.

> and Prof. Donovan of Paw Paw; Mr. W. a specific personal guarantee on each and other items will be in shape to re-Banyon of Benton Harbor; Rev. Prof. package the company was ready to port at another meeting which will be

rejoicing over the advent of a fine 10 inter-state potoriety. The Dowagtac or fruit with perfect shaped bunches not trade mark on other fruits and shipping Bilbo second. There was a good deal of again. less than three inches in length and with to distributing center either in car lots finest specimen of a boy in the country, Clarson or at Decatur at time of ban- average of the variety being packed, all products which the mambers desired using this grade as a select 8 pound all products which the members desired handled. grade and packing the balance of the crop in jumbo baskets for bulk.

the vineyard as soon as the crop was his agreement is reserved.

Several members of Tae Wolverine sufficiently advanced to form a close

agreed to the plan and will ship this nothing undone to make the occasion a He stated that if a sufficient number season. Many others have the matter called at an early date.

The matter of using the company

Miss Beyett of Detroit came to Paw Mrs. C. E. Wheeler and children of served. time that he had been down town since four and one half cords of green wood Paw the first of the week, to assume her Kalamazoo returned home after a week's The next meeting will be held at the has given this Oratorio in Chicago 40 the first week in December. His friends to town on one load. If any one can new duties of trimmer for Sanger & visit at the home of her parents, Mr. G. A. R. hall Saturday evening, March times. Lovers of music will be given a and Mrs. W. W. Marr.

CIRCUIT COURT WILL **CONVENE ON MONDAY**

Total of Fifty-four Cases on Calendar: Three Criminal, Twenty-four Divorce.

The circuit court for the county of Van Buren will convene next Monday with a calendar of 54 cases. The jury will be in attendance the second week,

this term, there being only three cases tisted for trial. One appeal from justice court and two local option cases.

The calendar is made up as follows: criminal three; Issues of fact jury, 10; Issues of fact non jury, 8; Chancery first class, 23; Chancery second class, 10. Of the chancery cases, 24 are bills for divorce. Fifteen of this number will not be contested.

NEW OEFICERS IN THE LEAGUE

Secretary of State League 108 straight Republican votes and 82 of Republican Clubs Has Resigned.

in Grand Rapids. The fact that the con- things that pertain to the welfare of the stitution of the State League of Repub village. lican clubs expressly forbids the league to participate in factional politics prior clerk was a just tribute to his efforts, to the nominations necessitated this his executive ability and service during

W. A. Waite of Detroit, president of the league, announced the following ap- the list in the number of votes received. pointments to fill vacancies, subject to It is a cold day when anyone can go the approval of the advisory council: F. out and corral more votes than Jerome. N. Wakeman of Paw Paw dvanced from The ticket elected is a good one and treasurer to secretary and Ex-Reprez, the citizens of the viliage have a right sentative Chas, Van Keuren of Larsing as treasurer.

The province of the league is to organize and maintain Republican clubs 171; Mulford D. Buskirk, Cit, 167. throughout the state and to co-operate with the State Central committee in fur- H. Mason, Cit., 137. thering the interests of the Republican party after the nominations have been 168; Marley Nunnerly, Cit., 165. made. President Weite has outlined the work of the league and it is prob- 210; Chas. C. Young, Cit., 125, able that it will play an important part in Republican politics during the coming Roy L. Tuttle, Rep., 197; Volney R.

tees has been called for Bay City the day 123; Alfred Hindenach, Cit., 122, of the State convention, April 11, 1912.

The league officers regret the resignation of its efficient secretary, Roy Brownell, but the Taft campaign committee is to be congratulated on its good judgment in selecting such a capable man for the important position of secre-

RESULT DEPENDS ON LEGAL POINT

There was but one ticket in the field next season and \$33.20 in cold casu awarded to the Modern Woodmen of the extent of the feeling among the brought up and it was decided to pack. The former carried by a safe majority, on Tuesday of this week. members and others toward such action. nothing but fruit which had been picked but the bonding question is yet in doubt There were about fifty good progres a sufficient time to wilt the stem and and a nice legal point is raised in desive grape growers present and the plans cause the hunch to become pliable so as termining the result of the ballot. It under which the company would handle to pack a solid basket of fruit that requires a three-fifth majority to carry a the crop were fully outlined by the would not settle and would not crack bonding question, and strange to say the the grapes at the union of the stem by question was apparently carried by the exact three-fifths of the total vote as THE PATRON SAINT advisable to add to the amount of shipping organizations except the products the growers that the better and shown out on account of having been the growers that the better and shown out on account of having been The question has been referred to the

KEPT THEM GUESSING.

guesssing contest in which the wits were sun is getting higher, and the snow excitement and much merriment over the strife. The Misses Myrtle and Ethel Cole contributed to the program with ORATORIO OF QUEEN ESTHER. recitations, as did also little Miss Doro- This beautiful bible story of Esther All growers who are willing to live up thy Tuttle. Miss Helene Marr gave a will be presented to the public on Frito the rigid rules are welcome but the reading which was much enjoyed and day and Saturday, March 22 and 23, by The inspection was to commence in right to expel any member who violates | Rev. A. T. Luther gave a very interest- a large chorus of home talent, in rich

REPUBLICANS

Entire Ticket Elected in Village Election Last Monday.

The criminal calendar is very light HENRY SHAEFER IS PRESIDENT

Defeats Citizens' Candidate by Narrow Margin of Four Votes. Trescott Also Gets Close Shave.

The village election last Monday was unusually quiet, but resulted in a com-Owing to the very light criminal plete Republican victory. There was a calendar, the session will undoubtedly total of 346 votes cast, which is some less than has been voted in years gone by. There was a lack of the usual street campaigning and campaign issues. Both tickets were made up of representative citizens and business men and the village was assured of good service, no matter who was elected. Had it been known that the result would have been so close on several of the nominees it is probable that there would have been a scurrying for votes at the last minute. There were straight Citizens' votes cast. The rest

were badly marked. Henry Shaefer, the popular register of deeds, is the new president. It seems to be a precedent established in this Roy E. Brownell of Fenton, Mich., has office, as both M. L. Decker and John resigned his office of secretary of the Mutchler served as village president State League of Republican clubs to ac. during their terms of office. Mr. Shaefer cept the position as secretary of the Taft announces that it will be his aim to work campaign committee with headquarters in harmony with the council in all

The majority given W. V. Hall for

the past year. Jerome C. Warner for assessor headed

to expect much of them during the year. Following is the vote in detail:

President-Henry E. Shaefer, Rep., Clerk-Willis V. Hall, Rep., 198; Wm.

Treasurer-Cyrus P. Trescott, Rep. Assessor-Jerome C. Warner, Rep.,

Trustees-Fred R. Bassett, Rep., 175; Hungerford, Rep., 190; Glean W. Mun-A meeting of the officers and commit- son, Cit., 153; Wm. J. Ellis, Cit.,

Change in South Haven Office Took Place on Tuesday.

It is now Postmaster Wilson in the city of South Haven. Sam H. Wilson received his commission last week and

The retiring postmaster, George H. Myhan, has held the position during the past eight years and has been a most capable and efficient official. He retires with the good will of the patronage of the South Haven office. His successor has been the deputy postmaster during Mr. Myhan's administration and is well equipped to maintain the high standard of service in that office. He stands high in the estimation of the citizens of South Haven and is well and favorably known throughout the county.

The True Northerner joins in congratulations to Postmaster Wilson.

OH LET IT BE SOON.

The social given by the G. A. R. and The weather begins to lock a little W. R. C. at the home of Mrs. Martha more like spring. The days are sun-Bennett last Saturday evening was well shiny, and quite warm. The nights are attended, over 50 being present. Among yet cold however, and last week reached called into action. Mrs. Jesa Wilson melts a little every day. It cannot be won first prize in this contest and A. long now until the blue birds will come

ing talk. The program as a whole was oriental costumes, under the direction of very pleasing. Refreshments were Byron W. Rice, from the Chicago National College of Music, Mr. Rice